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<i>Application Number</i>	09/885,005
<i>Filing Date</i>	June 21, 2001
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2621
<i>Examiner Name</i>	H. Shibru
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	1767-83

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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